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FOR KISSINGER AND KLEIN  
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SUMMARY

PAPERS IN LONDON AND WEST BERLIN FRONT-PAGED PHOTOS OF THE  
KISSINGER-MAO MEETING.  
THE TIMES OF LONDON REPORTED, "GREEN LIGHTS SEEM TO BE FLASHING  
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING." THE DAILY TELEGRAPH SAID THE  
PEKING VISIT "SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL BEYOND EVEN THE MOST  
OPTIMISTIC EXPECTATIONS."

MOSCOW RADIO DECLARED THAT MR. KISSINGER'S MISSION IN TOKYO  
WAS "TO APPLY NEW PRESSURE ON JAPAN."

LONDON

THE TIMES AND THE GUARDIAN ON MONDAY FRONT-PAGED PHOTOS OF  
MR. KISSINGER AND CHAIRMAN MAO.

THE PEKING CORRESPONDENT OF THE TIMES, DAVID BONAVIA, WROTE THAT  
THE KISSINGER-MAO MEETING "SEEMS TO REMOVE MOST REMAINING DOUBTS  
ABOUT THE SOLIDITY OF FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE  
U.S. ....HOWEVER MEAGER THE INFORMATION RELEASED ABOUT DR.  
KISSINGER'S TALKS, CHAIRMAN MAO WOULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED HIM IN THIS  
MANNER IF SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS HAD NOT BEEN ACHIEVED  
IN THE EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. CHOU.

"GREEN LIGHTS SEEM TO BE FLASHING BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING,  
NOW THAT THE VIETNAM CEASE-FIRE HAS BEEN SIGNED....THE FIRST  
REASONABLE ASSUMPTION IS THAT THE GENERAL UNDERSTANDING TO SOLVE  
THE TAIWAN QUESTION HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO SOME KIND OF  
FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS, IF NOT AN ACTUAL AGREEMENT."  
THE PAPER CARRIED A WASHINGTON REPORT THAT "IT IS MADE CLEAR THAT  
CONTINUING AMERICAN COMMITMENTS TO TAIWAN ARE NO LONGER TO BE  
CONSIDERED A SERIOUS ISSUE."

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH SAID THE PEKING VISIT "SEEMS TO  
HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL BEYOND EVEN THE MOST OPTIMISTIC EXPECTATIONS....

"NO INSUPERABLE PROBLEMS SEEM TO HAVE ARISEN REGARDING FORMOSA,  
WHERE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CHINA'S AIMS SEEMS TO BE A MATTER OF  
TIME AND TACT AND WAYS AND MEANS. LESS THORNY IS THE QUESTION OF  
CHINA'S DESIRES FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICA'S RAPIDLY DWINDLING  
FORCES FROM THE REST OF THE ASIAN MAINLAND, AND EVEN LESS SO THAT  
OF AMERICAN POWER IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC.

"THE REASON IS THAT CHINA WELCOMES A STRONG AMERICAN PRESENCE,  
IN PLACES WHERE HER OWN PRESTIGE IS NOT TOO DIRECTLY INVOLVED, AS  
A PROTECTION AGAINST RUSSIAN EXPANSION. THIS IS THE KEY TO THE  
AMAZING REVERSAL OF CHINA'S POLICY TOWARDS AMERICA IN THE SPACE  
OF TWO YEARS--FROM HOSTILITY TO THAW, FROM THAW TO DETENTE, THENCE

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TO RAPPROCHEMENT, AND NOW TO WHAT COULD BE THE BEGINNING OF ENTENTE. "COMMON FEARS AND INTERESTS ARE GREAT LEVELERS OF IDEOLOGICAL WALLS; AND OLD-FASHIONED DIPLOMACY, REASSERTING ITSELF, MAKES FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON."

A GUARDIAN STORY SAID "WESTERN DIPLOMATS" IN PEKING "TODAY SAID THERE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS DURING DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT."

AN EDITORIAL IN THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY MAIL OBSERVED ON MONDAY THAT "CYNICS WILL SAY AMERICA IS BEING FETED" IN PEKING "FOR RETREATING FROM VIETNAM. REALISTS WILL NOTE THAT THE FLOOR HAS NOW BEEN CLEARED FOR A NEW POWER DANCE IN THE FAR EAST. PEKING, WASHINGTON, AND TOKYO ARE ALL EAGERLY TRYING OUT THE UNFAMILIAR STEPS. ONLY MOSCOW STILL SEEMS RUEFULLY TO BE SITTING THIS ONE OUT." THE PAPER ALSO CARRIED A REPORT FROM NEW YORK THAT "FROM MILITARY HOSPITAL PERSONNEL AND RELATIVES WHO HAVE SPOKEN WITH MEN CAPTURED BY VIET CONG FANATICS, DETAILS ARE BEGINNING TO LEAK OUT OF TORTURE AND BRUTALITY." IT CONTINUED: "OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE WHITE HOUSE IS DOING NOTHING TO DISCOURAGE THE JOYOUS MOOD OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY WILL SOON BE ASKED TO FOOT THE BILL TO REBUILD NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM."

WEST BERLIN

TABLOID BILD ZEITUNG FRONT-PAGED A PHOTO WITH A REPORT THAT MR. KISSINGER HAD CONFERRED FOR TWO HOURS WITH CHAIRMAN MAO AND 20 HOURS WITH CHOU EN-LAI. IT CITED A JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY AS REPORTING THAT MR. KISSINGER AND THE CHINESE HAD AGREED ON QUICK WITHDRAWAL OF SEVERAL THOUSAND AMERICAN SOLDIERS FROM TAIWAN.

TOKYO

THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ASAHI EVENING NEWS REPORTED ON MONDAY THAT JAPANESE AMBASSADORS TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES, MEETING IN BANGKOK ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, HAD AGREED THAT "JAPAN SHOULD CONSTRUCTIVELY PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM BUT SHOULD CAREFULLY SELECT THE TIME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY." ALL FELT THAT "JAPAN SHOULD TAKE AS CONSTRUCTIVE A STAND AS POSSIBLE ON THE QUESTION OF AID FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF INDOCHINA."

THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MAINICHI DAILY NEWS NOTED ON FRIDAY THAT MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY YASUHIRO NAKASONE HAD STATED THAT "JAPAN HAS NOT TRIED HARD ENOUGH TO FORESEE AND UNDERSTAND

PRESIDENT NIXON'S HOPES AND PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR." ADDRESSING THE ASIAN AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL IN TOKYO, HE REMARKED THAT "WASHINGTON IS MORE OR LESS ORIENTED TOWARD EUROPE....THE EUROPE-ORIENTED POLICY OF THE U.S. MAY BE PARTLY DUE TO DR. KISSINGER'S PERSONALITY." MOSCOW

A DOMESTIC SERVICE RADIO BROADCAST LATE SUNDAY SAID "KISSINGER'S PRESENT VISIT IS BEING UNDERTAKEN TO APPLY NEW PRESSURE ON JAPAN." IT ALLEGED THAT "THE RECENT DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR WAS, TO A GREAT EXTENT, DIRECTED AGAINST JAPAN, WHICH IN THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS, TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE, SQUEEZED U.S. MONOPOLIES NOT ONLY OUT OF THEIR TRADITIONAL MARKETS ABROAD BUT ALSO OUT OF MARKETS IN THE U.S. ITSELF...."

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"THE JAPANESE PRESS IS CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE A FIRM STAND IN DEFENSE OF NATIONAL INTERESTS.... SUCH STATEMENTS HAVE CAUSED ALARM IN WASHINGTON SINCE OVER 50 OF THE PENTAGON'S MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ARE SITUATED ON THE JAPANESE ISLANDS AND OKINAWA.... OF COURSE, ONE CAN HARDLY SUPPOSE THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL NOW BE PREPARED TO TAKE ANY DETERMINED STEP AS A COUNTERMEASURE AGAINST WASHINGTON'S PRESSURE. THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN MUST NOW PAY FOR THE DOLLARS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. AFTER THE END OF WORLD WAR II AND FOR THE MANY YEARS OF UNILATERAL ORIENTATION OF THE JAPANESE ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE TOWARD THE U.S. BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE SHARP RIVALRY OF THE TWO BIG CAPITALIST STATES AND THE TRADE WAR BETWEEN THEM WILL BE FURTHER AGGRAVATED."

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THE NORTH VIETNAMESE VNA WIRE SERVICE IN ENGLISH ON MONDAY PLAYED AN APPEAL OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL WHICH "CALLS ON THE WORLD'S PEOPLE AND THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO STEP UP THEIR ACTIVITIES AND COOPERATION TO DEFEND PEACE AND CONTRIBUTE TO HEALING WOUNDS OF WAR IN VIETNAM BY INCREASING MATERIAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN THEIR NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION."

PEKING

NCNA'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DISPATCH ON DR. KISSINGER'S DEPARTURE FROM CHINA DID NOT MENTION HIS DESTINATION. ITEM USINFO WASHDC

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